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LEON DEGRELLE was born on June 15, 1906, to a French-speaking Walloon family in Belgium. He would go on to become an international traveller, journalist, author, political man, soldier and successful businessman.

By the age of 24, Degrelle had established his own Catholic publishing house, Christus Rex, and soon after established the Rexist political movement, with a view to putting his Catholic and political ideas into practice.

In spite of a desperate lack of funds, Degrelle and his followers embarked on a programme of social improvement at a time of political, financial and industrial chaos in Belgium. They opened and manned soup kitchens, clothed the children of the unemployed and everywhere Degrelle was to be seen working harder than any. He also addressed a staggering two thousand political meetings. The result was that in the May 1936 elections the Rexists stunned the "old gang" and won 33 seats in parliament.

From that moment the forces of massed reaction were gunning for the Rexists. The representatives of the Vatican even declared it a mortal sin for Catholics to vote for the Rexist [Christ the King] movement! By 1939, due to this campaign of vilification and intimidation, the Rexists were reduced to four seats in parliament, but Degrelle himself gained a seat in April of that year.

Storm Clouds Of War

Seeing the storm clouds of war gathering over Europe and understanding the awful intent of the evil forces bent on a second, bloody, fratricidal war, Degrelle put all of his considerable energy and intellect into campaigning for peace between the nations of Europe. For this at the outbreak of the Second World War, he was interned by the Belgian government.

After the invasion of the Low Countries in 1940 by the Germans, Degrelle was freed and resumed his political and publishing work. His life, though, was to change forever with the invasion of Soviet Russia by Hitler in June of 1941.

Degrelle volunteered to form a French-speaking Wallonian unit to fight alongside the Germans against Communism. Indeed, to launch a "European Crusade" to destroy Bolshevism. His offer was accepted by the Germans and

the first of what would eventually be thousands of young Belgians rushed to enrol in the fledgling units *Wallonian* and *Langemarck* [Flemish speakers]. Each would eventually become a full division in the Waffen-SS. Degrelle refused the commission he was offered and insisted instead on joining as a private. After training the *Wallonie* were thrown into the maelstrom that was the Eastern Front. [For a full account of Degrelle's war, see his book, *Campaign in Russia: Waffen-SS on the Eastern Front.*]

Leon Degrelle was personally involved in 75 hand-to-hand combat actions, was wounded 34 times, seven severely. By May 1945 he had risen through every rank from private to become Standartenfuehrer Leon Degrelle, Divisional Commander of 28th Volunteer-Panzer-Grenadier Division *Walloonien*, and was the only non-German to win the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves. In the last desperate days of the war, Degrelle, fighting all the way, led the last of his loyal Walloons clear of capture by the Soviets.

Flight To Spain

Refusing the unconditional surrender demanded by the Allies, Degrelle, aided by a German pilot, embarked on a desperate gamble to fly the 1,500miles from Oslo in Norway to Franco's Spain. After surviving repeated air attacks and anti-aircraft fire, the aircraft ran out of fuel in sight of the coast of Spain and crashed into the sea. He was rescued by surprised but friendly Spaniards and being again very badly injured by the impact, spent many months in hospital recuperating.

Franco, impressed by Degrelle, refused demands from Belgium to return him for a show trial. Franco also provided him with an armed guard in case of a kidnap attempt or assassination. During his years in Spain, Degrelle was twice sentenced to death *in absentia* by Belgian courts.

On recovering his health, he began to build a life for himself in Madrid and later Malaga. He became a successful businessman and renowned collector of fine art. He never ceased his political work, writing a dozen major books and addressing many rallies. As recently as last November, at the age of 86, Degrelle was due to speak to a rally of one thousand invited young European comrades. However, his finally failing health and battered body, despite his spirit, meant that the meeting was postponed.

On March 31, 1994, Leon Degrelle died peacefully and went to his eternal reward.

As the Euro-election fraud looms closer, ANDREI KRYLIENKO asks:

EUROPE - TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

THE form of union the Brussels technocrats are trying to foist on the nations of Europe is a contradiction in terms. It has none of the specific attributes of unity. By definition, a union is a single entity. As such, it should have a single openly acknowledged head, responsible for his government and administration. To ensure its survival, it must have sole command of the armed forces, which should be adequate for the defence of its territory. It must share and uphold the faith professed by its citizens and defend their way of life. Last but not least, to guarantee its independence it must have the exclusive prerogative of making the money of its people or peoples.

The government the Brussels technocrats are creating has no single visible head or executive authority. It commands no armed force of its own capable of ensuring its defence. It has no single recognised creed, philosophy or moral system shared with its subjects, on which to build a legal code corresponding to their way of life. The aspiration of its banker sponsors for a single common monetary standard, the *ecu*, is already sharply contested. Apart from the foregoing essential attributes, there can be endless diversity; without them - whether or not as the outcome of discussions in Brussels, Athens or elsewhere a form of union is agreed on - there can only be, in the shorter or longer term, dissension and anarchy, as history has repeatedly shown.

Power Without Responsibility

At summit level, the proposed structure of the European union of tomorrow is a projection of the so-called democratic parliamentary system, by means of which executive power *without responsibility* will be given to the unseen Money Power and its wirepullers who finance the election of servile nominees to "represent" the member states and supply the union with a president. The only armies will be forces deployed to the order of equally pseudo-democratic bodies such as the United Nations or NATO, likewise manipulated by Money Power wirepullers. The only laws passed will be those furthering the creation of a world government, subservient to the supreme Money Power, chief of all the occult wirepullers. The only money will be theoreticaly *ecu*-backed loans granted by Money Power bankers to approved customers, persons not approved being allowed to starve pending their possible accession or re-admission to favour.

The alternative, which could lead to a Europe worth creating, must seem strange and uncouth to a "liberal" minded society begotten of three centuries of political wandering in the desert of subversive theorising and six of progressive intellectual atrophy under the aegis of humanistic rationalism. It would imply the reversal of most contemporary criteria.

It is one of the elementary, if to some unwelcome, facts of life that a body can have only one head, but it is a fact which modern education leaves few people willing to recognise. That just laws are not the product of the desires or thinking of an ephemeral and volatile majority, but the application of the Natural Law and the prescriptions of a religious creed common to the citizens and the rulers of the community accepting them, is another forgotten constitutional axiom and glimpse of the politically obvious. That people or bodies should defend themselves,

but not make unscrupulous self-aggrandisement their supreme aim, is a doctrine Christianity has always taught but the Christian nations have, regrettably, long since ceased to practise.

In many respects a model including most of the requirements could be found in Byzantium. When Constantine gave Christianity to the Empire of Augustus and replaced the religion of Caesar by that of Christ, he endowed the Empire with the moral capital and backing for its legislation on which Europe has been living ever since. That capital is today sadly diminished. What made the model feasible was the sincerity of the early Christians, among whom the Emperors, officially holding the status of Apostles and recognising their responsibility as regents on earth for Christ, were in principle, and often in practice as well, as concerned as their peoples with getting themselves and their subjects to heaven.

Key To The History Of Europe

That the interdependence of faith and empire was basic to the Byzantine constitution and way of life can be seen from statements such as that of a sixth century Greek merchant, Cosmas Indicopleustes, who said, "I declare confidently that although hostile barbarians may rise briefly against the Roman Byzantine Empire to correct us for our sins, yet through the strength of Him Who maintains us the Empire will remain undefeated - if no one hinders the expansion of Christianity." This often reproduced quotation is the key to the history of both the Empire and the Europe that succeeded it. It is also the key to the course that will have to be followed if Europe is ever to be effectively united.

Today, Christianity has been so successfully "hindered" that practising Christians are a negligible minority. Europe is a demoralised group of war-wracked nations reverting to worse than pagan barbarism, and Europeans are being bastardised through artificially fostered immigration from the four corners of the globe. Money Power promotion of wars and reckless immigration is deliberate, designed as a means of preventing any chance of a revival of Christianity, incompatible with the success of its plans. The Vatican itself is occupied by the Church's bitterest enemies.

Christianity, however, always has it in its power to revive and must revive if there is to be any future civilisation. What remains to be seen is whether it will revive through the purgative effect of untold suffering consequent on the anti-natural policies of Money Power technocrats, or through the determination of the Christian peoples of Europe to revive it. If Europe does not unite, the prospects for it are, to say the least, dim. But if Europe wants genuine union, it will first have to recover its faith.

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YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

One of the most regrettable aspects of the sectarianism which infects most of the Nationalist movement is that it prevents members of one group learning from another. Thus they are often doomed to waste their time, energy, money and morale making the same mistakes. It is all too often common for the rank-and-file activists, as well as the leadership, of an organisation, to believe that their own operation is so important and everybody else's efforts so irrelevant, that they refuse to admit that the successes or problems encountered by a "rival" group are of any importance to them.

This has been the attitude of many Nationalists who are not in the BNP to the attack launched on its national press officer, Mike Newland, in the run-up to the May council elections. The attack was so vicious that even the controlled mass media reported it, so everybody heard that it took place. Even so, from most of those outside the BNP, the usual reaction was to be somewhat shocked, but to see nothing out of the ordinary. After all, Communist thugs have been beating up patriotic Britons for years.

The same tunnel vision accounts for the fact that no Nationalist group at all gave any coverage to the hammer attack on Libertarian freelance journalist Al Baron, the pro-Jewish but anti-Zionist researcher who over the last year has been waging a one man crusade against Gerry Gable, Ray Hill and the rest of the *Searchlight* crew. Baron's well-researched and damming exposes of these creeps have been mailed to journalists, politicos, and police officers all over the country. It is true that, idealogically, Baron is a classical liberal, rather than a Distributist and patriot, but if anything that makes his attacks on *Searchlight* even more effective. Here is someone fighting a vital battle against our highest profile opponent, yet when three thugs turn up on his doorstep and hospitalise him, no-one even thinks it's worth mentioning.
There are none so blind.....

"SPECIAL DELIVERY"

In fact, it is absolutely vital that every Nationalist knows exactly what these attacks involved, because once you are aware of the facts, their relevance to us all becomes crystal clear. In Baron's case, three men knocked at his door with a large "special delivery" parcel. He was asked to sign for it, then as he did so, he was grabbed by one of them, whereupon the others produced hammers and gave him a thorough beating. As well as this brutal assault, Baron also suffered a police raid in response to allegations by *Searchlight* and the *Jewish Chronicle* that he was publishing anti-semitic propaganda (nothing could be further from the truth - Baron's pamphlets on the Jewish question are extremely pro-Jewish). During this raid, large numbers of files and his computer were seized by the police (led by a Jewish officer), only being returned after several months.

The action against the BNP's press officer was even more carefully planned and ruthlessly executed. Three men called at his home claiming to be from the council's pest control unit. Although their van bore official-looking council signs and they looked the part, he was suspicious. He refused to let them in unless they produced written authority from the council. The foreman accepted this very reasonably, and the three left. Mike Newland took the precaution of making a note of the van registration number, but took no further action.

Two days later, the same three returned, in the same van, same false number plate and same overalls. This time, they even had a letter from the council on official headed notepaper, so he let them in. Once inside, they seized him, bound and gagged him with tape, sat him on a chair, pulled his jumper over his head and began to beat his head and body with staves and a hammer. They cold-bloodedly broke virtually every bone in his writing hand before leaving him unconscious. On their way out, they took his computer. The beating was so severe that doctors initially feared that he might be paralysed for life. Happily this was not the case and he was back doing political work within a week.

HIGHER STAKES

The lesson to be learnt from these incidents is that the Enemy has raised the stakes. Hit-and-run street attacks by Red Action goon squads with masks and iron bars are still a constant danger for street activists. But the use of small groups of coldly efficient con-men, in all probability hired, to beat and torture people in their own homes, is something new. And while Mike Newland was a very obvious target for all sorts of opposition groups, the type of people with a motive to single out Al Baron for similar treatment are much more select. Perhaps "chosen" is a better word.

It is also surely significant that the anarcho-Green-Trot Larry O'Hara, who has also produced several well-researched pamphlets exposing *Searchlight's* links with the secret police was also the target for a "special delivery", although he managed to avoid it.

You don't have to be in the media limelight to be at risk from this new brand of terrorism. Every effective patriot must be aware of the risk and be extra-suspicious of anything which could be a new version of the kind of trick outlined above. It seems that the qualification for this kind of attack is to be doing something which gets you mentioned in *Searchlight* as a serious threat to the nightmare world planned for us by Gerry Gable and his ilk. If you aren't doing something like that, you should be. And if you are, you have been warned.

Authorities' Inaction On Hess Headstone Vandalism

Despite several complaints from *Candour* readers and other people, the authorities in Scotland appear determined not to take out a prosecution against the so-called Anti-Nazi League hooligans, who quite openly admitted their guilt by committing their act of vandalism against the headstone in front of press photographers and television cameras. Mr. Tom Graham, who erected the memorial stone, was informed on April 21 by the Assistant Procurator Fiscal that the Lord Advocate had instructed that there be no criminal proceedings.

Would you <u>all</u> please write to the Procurator Fiscal - Mr. James Friel - at his office at 106 Renfrew Road, Paisley PA3 4DX, or telephone him on 041-887-5225, and <u>demand</u> that action be taken.

FAREWELL TO DEGRELLE

LEON DEGRELLE was a hero Catholic who fought the real enemy in the right place - the Russian Front. He and his comrades in the Waffen SS, volunteers to a man, suffered as yet mostly untold miseries from weather, wounds, treason and defeat in that Arctic hell, but they fought the right enemy with matchless valour and thus have now nothing to regret.

The British soldiers also valiantly endured all miseries from weather, wounds, treason, frustration, imprisonment and - victorious defeat, for they fought the "wrong" enemy in places chosen for them by their own treacherous civilian leaders, and thus have everything to regret.

They thought that they were giving their lives for "England, Home and Beauty" as had their fathers before them; and, as their fathers did, they cling to that fallacy rather than live with "the expense of spirit in a waste of shame". Alas, whose was the better part?

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